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**GOVERNOR KAINE ANNOUNCES VIRGINIA'S DIGITAL  
GOVERNMENT EFFORTS RANKED SECOND BEST IN NATION**  
*~ Digital States Survey measures effective use of digital tools for citizens ~*

**RICHMOND** – Governor Timothy M. Kaine announced today that Virginia was ranked second in the nation in the use of information technology to benefit citizens in the 2006 Digital States Survey, a prestigious biennial study by the non-profit Center for Digital Government in conjunction with *Government Technology* magazine.

Virginia moved up in the national standings from a third place ranking in 2004, the last year the survey was conducted. Michigan was ranked first; Ohio, Utah, and Arizona rounded out the top five.

"Virginia has made a sustained commitment to increasing capacity for delivering public services in partnership with the private sector, all while integrating government modernization with community development and job creation," said Cathilea Robinett, Executive Director, Center for Digital Government. "During the last four years, the commonwealth has consistently placed in the top 10, moving from sixth place in 2002 to third in 2004 and now second in 2006."

The survey examined best practices, policies, and progress made by state governments in their use of digital technologies to better serve their citizens and streamline operations. It included more than 70 measurements of government IT across four broad areas: service delivery, architecture and infrastructure, collaboration, and leadership.

"I want to congratulate the IT professionals at the Virginia Information Technologies Agency who compiled Virginia's response to the Digital States Survey, and others in virtually every state agency and Cabinet office who participated," Governor Timothy M. Kaine said. "The Commonwealth is a national leader in the IT arena, and we move Virginia forward when we harness technology to better serve our citizens."

The Digital States Survey is the nation's original and only sustaining survey of state government use of technology in serving the citizen. The 2006 survey provides a benchmark for the next generation of digital service delivery, and reflects contemporary

citizen expectations and the technologies used to meet them. More is available on the Center for Digital Government's Web site at [www.centerdigitalgov.com/](http://www.centerdigitalgov.com/).

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